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To the Royal Commission Investigating Motor Vehicles Transportation within the Province of Ontario.

The contentions of the Canadian Feed Manufacturers' Association may be summarized as follows:

1. The Motor trucks, within their proper sphere, can render transportation services that, for economy and efficiency, cannot be equalled by any other mode of transportation.
2. The development of motor truck transportation, within its proper sphere, should not be hindered in any unfair or unreasonable way.
3. The competition between the different classes of transport should be placed on the fairest possible basis to each class.
4. Each class of transportation should operate on rates that will pay a reasonable return.
5. Each class of transportation should pay its proper share of taxation which includes, in the case of truck transportation, a fair share of the cost of building and the maintenance of highways.
6. Having regard for the kind of work performed and the necessities of the situation, employees in the different classes of truck transportation should be afforded reasonable working hours.
7. Having regard to the kind of work performed by such employees, reasonable rates of pay should be maintained.
8. With the advent of motor truck transportation the farming communities of Ontario have been placed in the position of having delivered direct to them Scientifically Prepared Poultry and Cattle Feed, as well as Fertilizers, which have been found so essential to the proper development of farming.
9. On a Prosperous Farming Community, the Prosperity of all the people of the Province of Ontario are dependent. Therefore, it should be the aim, not only of the Government, but of the people to assist in every way possible, in the maintenance of the farmers' prosperity. Under these circumstances, no artificial barrier should be placed in the farmer's way insofar as his being able to secure his requirements for the development of his business, at as low a transportation cost as is possible.
10. It is a well known fact that a considerable portion of his supplies have, up to the present time, been delivered to him by transports which have been delivering livestock and milk to the City Markets. These supplies have been delivered to him as return loads. Previous to this service being rendered, it was practically impossible, owing to the high cost of transportation, for many farmers to secure the feeds and fertilizers required.
11. These transports should not, in our opinion, be unduly handicapped if they operate under conditions, as cited in items 4 to 7 of this brief, and can perform service to the farmer at a lower transportation cost. There is no reason why they should not be permitted to perform these services.

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12. We feel that the first duty of this Honourable Commission should be to determine whether or not the Transports, as a whole, are paying through taxation, a reasonable amount towards the maintenance and building of Highways.
13. We would recommend that, if this Commission sees fit to recommend the granting of Permits to lower Classified Transports handling return loads, a list of the names of such Transports be published, in order that their services might be available to all manufacturers of Poultry Foods and Fertilizers. In other words, there should be no undue discrimination.
14. We cannot stress too strongly the needs of the Farming Community and our belief that the services mentioned are of the utmost importance to its development, and that nothing which would hinder such development, in the way of Transport Regulations, be inaugurated.

